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MY SILVER BOAT.

[OUTING.]

As the amber wings of the setting sun
Are dipped in the western sea,
There gently falls
From the azure halls,
A message strange to me,

A crescent barque of silver foam
Is moored in the ocean of night,
While a golden blade
At hand is laid
To guide the boat aright.

As swift as thought I am borne away
From the land of heartache and tears,
To gaily float
In my tufted boat
O'er the tremulous swell of the years.

And glancing back a fond farewell
To my beautiful home of old,
I see in amaze
An emerald blaze
In a molten sea of gold.

The symphony grand of the rushing worlds,
And the silvery hum of the boat,
Touch the deepest wells
Where passion dwells,
And the buoyant ether mote.

By day my realm is a golden ball,
By eve the jewel's home;
Though I regret
A void is yet
In my boat of silver foam.

I dip my oar in the crystal flood,
And dream as it ripples the light,
A lovely maid
Has touched the blade
And guides the boat aright.

—*W. Barlow Hill.*

DO YOUR PART.

In proportion as the situation at Jacksonville darkens, and the possibility increases that other places will share its misfortune in greater or less degree before the end comes, it becomes the more pressing that every one in any way interested in Florida, or having any business with our people, should do all in his power to help the State in her time of need.

Let every one be quick and vigilant to head off the "calamity liar," whose efforts at home and abroad to gain cheap notoriety by spreading false and exaggerated reports are constantly doing us injury. Every one here who has friends in distant places has probably had the experience of receiving letters expressing the writer's solicitude, and perhaps going so far as to attempt to induce us to fly while there is yet time from the danger which the writer is sure we must be exposed to. The reply should be prompt, and so plain that it will carry conviction with it, that we are in no more danger than if we were in New York or Chicago. In fact a hundred accidents of disease or injury would threaten us there for every chance we have here of death from yellow fever. In the first place, there is no fever within a hundred miles of us. In the second place, where it is at its worst not over ten per cent. of the cases prove fatal. In the third place, if the fever ever gets out into the high, dry pine lands it invariably dies out immediately, for want of the necessary conditions to support it. For all these reasons we should feel perfectly safe unless under circumstances of the grossest negligence of sanitary conditions, and we should lose no opportunity of informing our friends of these reasons for our safety, and through them the rest of the world, and let it be plainly understood that a very large part of the State is just as safe as we are.

Let us supplement our work on the general public by bringing all the pressure we can upon our local authorities to lead them to avoid any unnecessary causes of alarm at home or abroad, by avoiding undue stringency in their regulations, and by appointing sensible and discreet men to enforce such rules as are necessary. On the other hand we should encourage and cheerfully submit to such regulations and precautions as will tend to inspire confidence that no reasonable safeguard is being neglected.

Let us all remember that every business man in the State is subjected to difficulties and embarrassments in collecting accounts and getting supplies, which make any favors we can show him doubly welcome, and such favors, by easing and facilitating business, will react to the advantage of the whole community. Pay all your debts as promptly as possible, so as to keep the money moving and at work. The business of the State needs all the help and stimulus it can get from this source, and it will be good policy in the end if persons abroad who owe money in the State will pay up promptly, and those who have accounts due them will not be too exacting in their demands for payment. A little effort and consideration will be well repaid in the stimulus to general trade and the avoidance of unnecessary failures.

Exert yourself in private enterprise. If you are thinking of starting any new scheme, start it as quickly as possible. Don't wait to see how business will turn in the winter; turn it yourself. If everybody waits for everybody else, nobody will move. No matter if it is only a few rows of potatoes for home use, it encourages you and your neighbors to pitch in and get them planted, and every dollar you save by growing your own supplies is a dollar that you can spend for some labor or product of a neighbor at home, instead of sending it out of the State for unnecessary importations. If you have any larger scheme on hand, so much the more reason for pushing it for all it is worth. In times of threatened or actual depression, it is the lack of confidence and consequent neglect of exertion and effort that do the mischief, far more than any real danger of failure.

Never in the history of the State has there been or will there be a time when an active, wide-awake, intelligent and public-spirited legislature and local government have been or will be more imperatively demanded than this year, or when the promise of new enterprises in the State demanded more plainly the aid and security which a national protective policy would give them. Let no party ties nor sectional jealousy or prejudice stand in the way of every good citizen doing his best by all means in his power to secure a State and national government that

will give us the solid support and help we need. Work and vote for the candidates whose personal character and known principles are most likely to secure what we need, and whose party affiliations will not constrain them to cover or continue any old abuses nor oppose any needed reforms. Never was the call of duty plainer to a patriotic citizen to put aside personal and party considerations, and exert himself for the public safety and welfare.

The China Tree.

The agricultural editor of the *Times-Democrat* writes of this well-known, beautiful tree as follows:

The well known pride of China tree, both for shade and ornament, especially the umbrella shaped variety, is scarcely appreciated as its merits demand. There are, however, some qualities claimed for the leaves and berries not generally known, and to which we would call the attention of our readers. It is a well known fact that no insect or worm infests its foliage or attacks the wood, hence it is more than probable that its virtues as an insect repellent are not over-estimated. The leaves, if placed in alternate layers with corn in the shuck, will prevent the ravages of weevil, and it is more than probable would have the same effect with peas, beans and gram. Used in like manner with clothing, blankets and other woolen goods, it is a certain repellent against moths. Meat packed with either leaves or berries will not be attacked by worms. A decoction of the leaves or berries used to water plants will protect them from the cutworm, etc. If these claims for the foliage and fruit can be substantiated, we know of no reason why they could not be used as an insecticide for all purposes where one is required, and with every prospect of success. It is at least worthy of an extended trial.

Pruning to Promote Flowering.

The following, from the *Ladies' Home Companion*, was originally intended to apply to house plants, but it is just as applicable to those grown in the open ground:

Plants which produce their flowers upon the new growth bloom more freely if pruned frequently and severely. Roses, bouvardias, plumbagos, and many other plants of similar character, are greatly stimulated and encouraged to bloom by this treatment. It is a good plan to cut back a branch as soon as a flower or a cluster of flowers begins to fade. Never cut away any portion containing a bud. The more new growth you can get, however, the more flowers will be produced. Sunlight, an even temperature, moist atmosphere, and i. direct ventilation all aid in keeping plants in a healthy condition; but for the class of plants mentioned pruning is quite as essential, and should not be neglected.

Manuring the Grape.

The Government committee in France, after several years investigation of the manuring of the grape, and of results of a series of experiments with potash manures, report strongly against nitrogenous manures—including stable manure—as being "more hurtful than useful," which accords with common practice, also that feeble grape vines consume as much manure as vigorous vines.

Potash should enter into the composition of manures for grape vines, the elements in the soil being generally in bad condition for assimilation; potash carries forward in some way with it the other fertilizing principles.

Potash from the root passes to the vine, to the leaves, then to the twigs, to arrive at last at the fruit, of which it favors the development. Its migration is comparable to those of the nitrogenized elements and the phosphates.

The potash introduced through the root in the course of a season is not entirely consumed, since it is found after fructification, reserved in sufficient quantity, in the wood and in the twigs.—*Rural Messenger.*

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WINTER PARK, SEPT. 14, 1888.

We are sorry to be so late this week, but business which could not be avoided claimed our attention, and we were obliged to suspend work on the paper for it.

TRY some of your green windfall oranges for orangeade. They are too sour to eat yet, but most of them will make an excellent drink, and cost nothing but picking up.

THE situation at Jacksonville unfortunately shows no improvement. About half the population of the city has left it for safety outside, and those left behind have found the burden so heavy that they have been obliged to ask the country at large for aid. This is being given promptly and generously, and it would probably have been a wise move to ask for it sooner. Fever has also appeared at McClenny, and that place now shares in the measures of safety and aid established at Jacksonville. Cases of fever have also been carried to New York and Philadelphia. Hard as it may seem on the people of an infected place, it is now evident that the restrictions placed upon escaping refugees have been entirely inadequate. Nothing short of the immediate declaration of martial law, and the most rigid system of house to house inspection will ever again be accepted by our neighbors as sufficient to avoid a general quarantine of the State. The next legislature should make it the first duty to pass a law that will afford such certainty of avoiding the spread of fever from one town to another, that when it exists in any town the rest of the State may still remain free and untrammeled in business and travel.

WE are in receipt of a circular from Messrs. Harvey Fisk and Sons, bankers, of New York, calling attention to the mischief of the present large surplus of cash, in the United States treasury, now amounting to $132,000,000, and stating as large dealers in government bonds that enough of such bonds can be had by the government to absorb the whole of the surplus, at prices which will save the government at least $40,000,000 in future interest to be paid on them. The money is badly needed in general circulation, and whatever plan shall be settled upon to prevent a further accumulation, such plan can have no effect to reduce the amount now on hand. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized by existing law to expend that for the purchase of bonds, and there is no reason why he should not do it, except that a surplus is necessary as a bugbear to frighten people into voting for free trade. Let the truth be told. If the present Administration wants to get rid of the surplus, why don't they do it?

DEATH OF MR. COX.

Another of our friends has ended his probation here and entered into the joys of an endless life of peace and freedom from illness and care. Consumption, which had for several years been insidiously at work on his system, made a stronger attack than usual about three weeks ago, and claimed Mr. Hamilton Cox as an additional name to its long list of victims. The struggle terminated on the 7th inst. All that could possibly be done by skillful physicians, nurses and friends was attempted, but the life could not be saved.

Funeral services conducted Rev. Dr. Hooker of Winter Park and Rev. A. D. Cohen of Sanford, were held at his late residence and at the grave in Sanford, on Saturday. A special train brought from Sanford many of the employees of the South Florida railroad, business associates of the deceased. The pall-bearers were O. S. Tarver, W. H. McAllister, Thos. Whiteman, I. E. Kaufman, C. D. Kellogg and J. M. Parham. The train conveyed the body and friends to Sanford, where the interment was made.

At a meeting of the officers and employees of the S. F. R. R. at Sanford, a series of resolutions highly eulogistic of Mr. Cox and his character, and expressive of the high esteem in which he was held in Sanford were adopted.

JOTTINGS.

Those were tropical showers on Tuesday.

Jones says it is "mighty hard pickin' desé days, dem chickins, roost high."

Several of our prominent republican politicians attended the rally at Orlando Tuesday night.

It is reported that several parties in town are intending to open private schools for the winter.

Miss Lena F. Miezll has been elected teacher of the public school for the approaching school year.

The next school year at Rollins College will open Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 8.30 a. m., in the chapel in Knowles Hall.

One of our young English friends is talking of embarking in the business of raising onions on a large scale.

Frank Burke arrived home from Jacksonville on Wednesday, having passed his ten days of quarantine at Camp Perry.

Some of the flowers from the Methodist service Sunday night attracted much attention at Ladd's drug store on Monday and Tuesday.

Six specimen guavas shown us by Mr. H. G. Davies weighed two pounds. They were grown by Miss M. E. Brown, an expert in the business.

There will be a class in business forms at Rollins College next term provided a sufficient number of the students desire to study book-keeping.

Mr. W. F. Rutland presented us with two immense pomegranates from Georgia the other day. A jury of epicures pronounced them very fine.

The posting of a daily bulletin with the fever record at Jacksonville, several hours before the receipt of papers, is a great public convenience.

Capt. J. C. Eaton, the popular ex-mayor of our neighboring town of Maitland, favored us with a call on Tuesday. He is always a welcome visitor.

Mr. A. M. Sawdey was exhibiting a citron on Monday so large that his principal difficulty was in convincing people that it was not something else.

It has seemed like old times to have two or three freight trains off the track

in one week near this station. Section-master Lyons has the track in such excellent condition that accidents rarely occur.

The social of Winter Park Christian Endeavor Society which was to take place after the business meeting on Friday evening, Sept. 7, was postponed on account of the death of Mr. Cox, until Friday evening, Sept. 14.

The Rose cottage on Cook avenue has been rented for the winter by Mr. I. A. Ellingwood. Other parties are looking for desirable tenements and it is prophesied that all of the available houses will be taken early in the season.

"The sin of unbelief and the forgetfulness of God" received an effective exposition at White's Hall last Sunday night, several ladies and gentlemen participating in the exercises. "The smitten rock" is the subject to receive attention next Sunday.

Work on the enlargement of the Rogers House has been begun. Arnout and Brengle of Orlando moved the ell of the building to its new position last week, and the masons and carpenters are now busily engaged on the new part. The work is to be completed in sixty days from the time of beginning.

At the meeting of the Osceola Literary Society last week, the following officers were chosen: president, James M. Jewell; 1st vice-president, Hubert Berry; 2nd vice-president, V. Stewart Jewell; corresponding secretary, Lena F. Mizell; recording secretary, Mary L. Jewell; treasurer, Allie Mizell; sergeant-at-arms, Chas. G. Chubb; librarian, Wm. Ingram; janitor, V. Stewart Jewell. Meetings of the Society are held every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at New Hope cottage. Visitors are always cordially welcome.

There has been considerable hunting about town of late. It is a little difficult unless one is a professional reporter, to get at the facts of such things, but they do say that J. W. Dieffenderfer, Dr. Henkel and Mr. Alcott know more about a 'possum hunt than they want to tell. Then some one wants to know what scantily clad person that was who, with a gun in hand, was prowling about Mr. Noble's chicken coop last Tuesday night. We wonder if the Larrabee House guests have discovered the nature of their chicken thief. Was it a 'coon or a skunk? Perhaps the gentleman who was so well posted on the fence, rapidly discharging a revolver, provoking the curiosity of the business men of East Park avenue, has become equally well posted in the other direction. But did he hit the—?

The regular weekly meeting of the Osceola Literary Society was held on Thursday evening, August 23. The program, short on account of the absence of some of the members, was as follows: (1) Music, (2) Reading, Cause of Earthquakes, (3) Recitation on Japan, (4) Reading, Some Animal Histories. The regular business of the Society was then attended to. The Society is trying to raise a library; thirteen good books have been presented and all donations will be thankfully received. S. Jewell is librarian. Meetings are held in Miss Brown's schoolhouse every Thursday evening, at 8 p. m. The public are invited to attend. [This item was received too late for use last week.—Ed.]

It is said that a good honest industrious toad will eat his own weight of insects in twenty-four hours.

Mayor's Proclamation.

Annual Election.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF WINTER PARK, FLA.

Whereas, under and by virtue of section 2, article I, ordinances of the town of Winter Park, the Mayor of said town is required to issue his proclamation, announcing the regular annual election, thirty days prior to such election,

Now, I, ROBERT WHITE, JR., Mayor, do issue this my proclamation ordering the Annual Election to be held on the second Thursday in October, A. D., 1888, the same being the 11th day of said month.

The officers to be voted for are, one Mayor, one Marshal, one Clerk, one Collector of Taxes, one Assessor of Taxes, to hold their respective offices for one year, and three Aldermen to hold office for two years.

I do further nominate and appoint Elbridge J. Coan, S. P. Butler and John G. Diffenderfer, as Judges of said election, and H. Griswold, as Clerk of said election.

In witness whereof, I, ROBERT WHITE, JR., Mayor of the town of Winter Park, have hereunto set my hand officially, and have caused to be affixed the seal of said town of Winter Park, this 1st day of September, A. D., 1888.

ROBERT WHITE, JR., *Mayor.*

Attest: E. L. MAXSON, *Town Clerk.*

Winter Park, Sept. 1st, 1888.

Registration Notice.

The Registration Book will be opened Sept. 11th, 1888, for the enrolling of qualified voters, and will be closed Oct. 1st, 1888, as directed in Article XVI, Sec. 3, of the ordinances of the town of Winter Park, Fla. Voters not already registered can register by calling at Enger's drug store during business hours, between Sept. 11th and Oct. 1st, 1888.

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The Agricultural Department is organizing five new experimental stations for the study of sorghum and its manipulation—three in Kansas, one in New Jersey, and one in Louisiana. The appropriation for this work this year is one hundred thousand dollars larger than it has ever been before.

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